

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of Application of California Water Service Company (U-60-W), a Corporation, for Authority to Implement a Low-Income Ratepayers Assistance Program in Compliance with Decision No. 03-09-021 in Application No. 01-09-062.

Application 05-10-035  
(Filed October 28, 2005)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING GRANTING  
PETITION TO INTERVENE BY LATINO ISSUES FORUM**

The Commission's Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) timely filed a protest to the subject application on December 1, 2005. A prehearing conference (PHC) was held on January 17, 2006, with the applicant California Water Service Company (CWS) and DRA the only parties appearing. At the PHC, the parties agreed to attempt settlement of the issues before any evidentiary hearing was held. A schedule was set at the PHC for this purpose and will be further addressed in a subsequent ruling.

On January 30, 2006, Latino Issues Forum (LIF) filed a petition to intervene, its only filing to date in this proceeding. In the petition, LIF offered its assistance to the parties based on its experience with low-income and "marginal" consumers, but did not further state its position on the proposed intervention.

As directed at the PHC, CWS and DRA filed joint comments on March 1, 2006, on the status of settlement discussions. They report two meetings have been held since the PHC, with another set for March 28, 2006. They also report a settlement is likely, with no need for an evidentiary hearing. In the

report, the parties advised that LIF attended the second settlement meeting, and is invited to the third.

LIF's petition to intervene in this proceeding is granted. LIF is not eligible however to seek intervenor compensation as it did not file a Notice of Intent (NOI) to claim compensation within 30 days of the PHC, as required by Pub.Util.Code § 1804.

**IT IS SO RULED.**

Dated March 6, 2006, at San Francisco, California.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Granting Petition to Intervene by Latino Issues Forum on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated March 6, 2006, at San Francisco, California.

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